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Applicant(s) : Karl FRAUHAMMER et al.

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For : SNAP RING

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Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
37 C.F.R. § 1.125 SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION STATEMENT**

SIR:

Please amend without prejudice the above-identified application before examination,  
as set forth below.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT:**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), a Substitute Specification (including the  
Abstract, but without claims) accompanies this response. It is respectfully requested that the  
Substitute Specification (including Abstract) be entered to replace the Specification of record.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Without prejudice, please cancel original claims 1 to 9. Please also cancel claim  
1 in the annex to the International Preliminary Examination Report, and add new claims 10 to 16 as  
follows:

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10. (New) A snap ring for shafts or bores fixable in axial position by snapping into a  
circumferential groove, the snap ring comprising:

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